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Subject:        Apparatus and Method for Forwarding Encapsulated Data Packets on a  
                    Network Having Multiple Links between Nodes

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Dear Sir:

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